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## 1120 Stakeholders

We are pleased to announce that we are posting the Release 2 schemas and business rules, and the revised Publications 4162 on our website. Publication 4164 should be available in the next few days. These schemas focus on the Release 2 forms and schedules that have changed since our April 8, 2004 posting. The revised Publication 4162 contains five (5) Release 2 test case scenarios to be used for Assurance Testing and Publication 4164 contains information needed by software developers and transmitters.

We planned to begin ATS testing on June 21, 2004 but we now anticipate a slight delay. We are confident there will be enough time to test and file returns prior to the September 15<sup>th</sup> due date for those returns that received extensions. You only have to test again if you are doing any Release 2 forms. We have a list of those software companies that plan to develop and test Release 2 and plan to communicate actual dates for both testing and live processing sometime next week.

### **XML Schemas**

We are presenting you today with a new version of the Tax Year 2003 XML schemas for Modernized e-File Release 2 forms and schedules for 1120/1120S. The schemas are version 23 (2003V23) and can be found on the irs.gov website under Production Release at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html>.

The following schemas have changes that you need to be aware of. We have also included the "diff files" for reference. Return 1120; Return 1120S, Form 970, 3115, 3800, 8835, 3468, 8082, 8881, Sch K-1 (1120S), Return Header 1120x. Please continue to use the April 8, 2004 version on the web for ATS until further notice. Also included are "Diff Files" that show the changes from the April 8, 2004 posting.

### **Business Rules**

Business Rules for Release 2 forms for version 23 (2003V23) are also being posted today in two different formats – a MS Word file and a comma separated file (.csv) that contains the very same information. A column in the file identifies the changes made from the last posted version to help you identify the changes that were made. The business rules are posted under Other Documents at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html>.

Each rule file is assigned the same version number that is assigned to the schemas to which the rules apply. The current schemas and rules files are assigned version number 2003 Version 23 (2003V23).

As always if you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the Topica group or the ETA 1120 Team at [1120@irs.gov](mailto:1120@irs.gov). You can also contact Xan Ostro from our ITS team at (202) 283-7697 or Joan Barr from the ETA team at (202) 283-2572.